Indiana State Board of Education Request for Freeway School Accreditation

Board Date: August 1, 2012

School: Lakeview Christian School B145

Education Director: Dr. Doug Ballinger

<u>Address</u>: 5318 S. Western Avenue

Marion, Indiana 46953

Grade Span: K-12

Public/Private: Private

Current Enrollment: 120 Students

<u>Targeted Population</u>: Families seeking a quality, faith-based education.

The following executive summary has been compiled by the Office of School Accreditation for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact accreditation.

<u>Identity</u>: Lakeview Christian School is non-public, inter-denominational PreK-12 Christian school operated as a ministry of Lakeview Wesleyan Church. Lakeview Christian School opened in 1977 with an enrollment of 18 and graduated its first class in 1987. Lakeview Christian School currently has an enrollment of 120 in kindergarten through grade 12. Beginning in the 2010-11 school year grades 6-12 were not offered due to decreased enrollment; however, grades 6-12 reopened for the 2011-12 school year with an online component. The student to teacher ratio is 12 to 1 in the elementary grades. Lakeview Christian School's highest enrollment was approximately 400, but declined due to economic factors in our community.

<u>Curriculum</u>: In preparation for the 2011-2012 school year, LCS staff began aligning its curriculum with the Indiana standards. After receiving information regarding the Common core Standards, the teachers matched the ABeka and other curriculum to Common Core Standards and mapped out standards which were to be addressed throughout the year. Teacher's lesson plans note which standards are being addressed.

To further ensure the proper standards are being learned in math, each student is given an opportunity to correct each math problem to learn from his/her mistakes and be rewarded by receiving partial credit back for each corrected problem.

Since we are already a Standards driven school, in 2012 and subsequent years, we will align with the Common Core Standards in place of the State Standards, but our approach to alignment will remain the same.

<u>Testing History:</u> LCS consistently shows pass rates above state averages and consistent improvement percentages.

<u>Staffing</u>: All teachers hold Indiana teaching licenses.

Waiver Requests:

- IC 20-10.1-4.6 Safety Education
- IC 20-10.1-4.7 Health Education
- IC 20-10.1-4.9.1 Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

The principles for safety education, hygiene/safety science and health instruction are purposefully being taught in our health courses, science courses, and Bible courses.

- IC 20-10.1-9-21 Local Textbook Adoption Process; Adoption Required from State List
- IC 20-10.1-9-27 Waiver of Textbook Adoption Requirements

The flexibility to choose textbooks other than those adopted by the state is needed to fulfill Lakeview Christian School's mission and purpose.

<u>Issues</u>: None

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation